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## UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

MR. THOMAS MCKEAN, of Philadelphia, has given \$100,000 to the University of Pennsylvania for a building for the law school.

MR. JOHN D. ROCKFELLER, of New York, has given an additional \$10,000 towards the erection of a hall at Mt. Holyoke College, and if the conditional gift of Dr. Pearson is included the sum of \$175,000 has now been collected for the endowment fund.

BROWN UNIVERSITY has received \$5,000 by the will of the late Eustace Fitz, of Chelsea, Mass.

FERRY HALL, one of the buildings of the State Agricultural College, Pullman, Washington, has been destroyed by fire, causing a loss of about \$40,000.

THE registration in Harvard College is this year 1,814, an increase of 6.2 per cent. over last year. The number of students in the Lawrence Scientific School is 407, an increase of 9.5 per cent.

It is stated that the decree excluding foreign students from the medical classes of the Faculty of Medicine of Paris will shortly be withdrawn.

DR. TH. CURTIUS, professor of chemistry at Bonn, has been called to Heidelberg as successor to Victor Meyer.

## DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE.

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AT ITHACA FOR MEMBERS OF THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES.

SINCE the publication of the official announcement of the Society the Ithaca Hotel has been sold, and the new owners have closed it for extensive repairs. That hotel will not be open for guests nor for the annual dinner. The other hotels will be open. The Clinton House can accommodate from 50 to 75 and the new Hollister from 30 to 40 guests.

The annual dinner announced for the Ithaca Hotel will be held at the dining rooms in Cascadilla Place, these being the largest and pleasantest dining rooms upon the University campus in Ithaca. The time and cost will be as in the announcement.

A limited number of ladies can secure rooms and board at Sage College. Rates can be had upon application to the Local Secretary. There are numerous pleasant rooms in the near neighborhood of Cascadilla Place, which, with board in the house or at Cascadilla Place, would cost from 75 cts. to \$1.50 per day. The Local Secretary will secure rooms for any who apply to him.

S. H. GAGE, *Chairman*,  
W. W. ROWLEE, *Secretary*,  
*of the Local Committee.*

ITHACA, N. Y.,  
November 30, 1897.

## THE CAIRN ON THE ENCHANTED MESA.

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: I have just read Professor Libbey's letter, in your issue of the 26th instant, in which he intimates that the lichen-covered cairn on the summit of the Enchanted Mesa was erected by himself. It now only remains for Professor Libbey to say that the ancient potsherds scattered through the talus, the artifacts found on the summit, the remains of the ancient ladder-trail and all the other evidences of the former occupancy of the summit of the mesa are the result of his own ingenuity. The last word will then have been said.

F. W. HODGE.

BUREAU OF AMERICAN ETHNOLOGY,  
WASHINGTON, November 29, 1897.

[As Professor Libbey states that the cairn was erected by him Mr. Hodge should certainly correct his mistake. Whether or not the Mesa was formerly inhabited is another question.

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## A POSSIBLE SOLUTION OF THE SEALING PROBLEM.

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: In the article in SCIENCE last week on the Sealing Conference, and in the innumerable articles that have been published since the question became prominent, I have not noticed any mention of what seems to an outsider the most natural solution. It is absurd for the United States to claim that it has any right to control the action of Canada on the high seas on the ground of humanity to animals or of commercial interests. Great